

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 11, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

The pushing frame 11 of the clamber 10 has a greater thickness than the bridging portions 12 in the direction of the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2. Thus, as shown in Fig. 4, when the decorative sheet S is pressed and fastened by the clamber 10, only the pushing frame 11 abuts on the female mold 2 via the decorative sheet S and a space 13 is formed between each of the bridging portions 12 and the female mold 2. The measurements of each element of the clamber are determined such that each clamping device 31 of the transport chuck 30 can be passed through this space 13.

The paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 is amended as follows:

The decorative sheet RS of the elongated band shape wound in a roll is drawn out by the feed rollers 72, and the left and right side edges of a tip Sa of the decorative sheet S are clamped by the clamping devices 31, 31 of the transport chuck 30, as shown in Fig. 2. Then, the transport chuck 30 is moved vertically downward between the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2 and the clamber 10 until the lower edge of the decorative sheet S reaches near the lower edge of the pushing frame 11 of the clamber 10. The decorative sheet S is then pressed and fastened by the clamber 10, as shown in Fig. 4. The decorative sheet S is pressed and fastened by the pushing frame 11 of the clamber 10 at the peripheral edges of a cavity 4 above the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2. As a result, the space enclosed by the cavity 4 and the decorative sheet S is airtightly sealed. In this state, a space 13 is formed between each of the bridging portions 12a of the clamber 10 and the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2, so that each of the clamping

devices 31, 31 can be accommodated in the space 13 formed between the two bridging portions 12a, 12a on the left and right located beneath the clasper 10 and the female mold 2.

The paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 are amended as follows:

Fig. 6 shows another embodiment of the clasper that can be used in the above-described foil-decorating injection molding apparatus 1. A clasper 310 shown in Fig. 6 consists of a rectangular pushing frame 311 that abuts the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2 via the decorative sheet S when the decorative sheet S is pressed and fastened, and a left and a right connecting member 312 for connecting the pushing frame 311 and a drive means (not shown). Each of the connecting members 312 consists of: two vertical plates 312a on either side of the pushing frame 311 that extend vertically away from the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2; four connecting rods 312c slidably inserted in the throughholes 8 provided in the female mold 2 near the four corners thereof; and two bridges 312b on either end connecting the vertical plates 312a and the connecting rods 312c in a plane parallel to the parting surface 2a of the female mold 2. In this structure, when the decorative sheet S is pressed and fastened by the clasper 310, only the pushing frame 311 abuts the female mold 2 via the decorative sheet S, and between each bridge 312b and the female mold 2, there is formed a space 313 in which the clamping device 31 of the transport chuck 30 can be passed. This clasper 310 may be used in the same process as that for the previously described clasper 10 to obtain a molded article.